

53C-5-101. Management of range resources.

(1) The director is responsible for the efficient management of all range resources on lands under the director's administration, consistent with his fiduciary duties of financial support to the beneficiaries.

(2) This management shall be based on sound resource management principles.

Amended by Chapter 237, 2000 General Session

53C-5-102. Grazing permits -- Treatment of permits on federal lands required by the state.

(1) (a) The director may issue grazing permits on trust lands under terms and conditions established by rules of the director.

(b) Those terms shall be based on the fair market value of the permit.

(2) (a) Upon selecting, exchanging, or otherwise acquiring lands of the United States, the director shall honor, for the remainder of the applicable term, all leases, permits, and contracts, and the related terms and conditions of user agreements on United States lands, including permitted stocking rates, grazing fee levels, access rights, and all existing activities that currently or historically have dictated an understanding of usage between the land user and the federal government.

(b) Improvements of the permittee or lessee to the land shall be honored by the state in the acquisition of federal lands.

Enacted by Chapter 294, 1994 General Session

53C-5-103. Control of noxious weeds, new and invading plant species, insects, and disease infestations.

The director may enter into agreements with other public agencies and private landowners to cooperate in the control of noxious weeds, new and invading plant species, insects, and disease infestations on state-owned and adjacent lands.

Enacted by Chapter 294, 1994 General Session

53C-5-104. Fees.

(1) The director shall collect a fee annually from each grazing permittee for the control of noxious weeds, new and invading plant species, insects, and disease infestations on trust rangelands.

(2) The fee shall be 10 cents per animal unit month (AUM).

(3) Fees collected by the director under this section shall be deposited in the Land Grant Management Fund created in Section 53C-3-101 and shall be used by the director for the payment of costs incurred in controlling noxious weeds, new and invading plant species, insects, and disease infestations on school and institutional trust lands.

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